of more funds for Supervised Short course Chemotherapy and achievement of higher cure rate through more effective health education and strengthening of logistics and supervision. A proposal has been made for World Bank Assistance to augment the Programmes along these lines.

Family Welfare Services to control population

1698. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that free Family Welfare services are available in the various states at the rural or urban level to control rapid population growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof in this respect;

(c) whether Government have formulated any long-term policy to control the population in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Free Family Welfare services including sterilisation, IUD insertion, supply of condoms and oral pills, Immunization and Maternal & Child Health Care services are available through a network of health care delivery institutions throughout the country.

(c) and (d) A result Oriented Action Plan has been formulated in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Major programme initiatives include the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme, the Social Safety Net Scheme in 90 identified poor performing districts, schemes for involving Non-Governmental Organisations, implementation of Area Projects, training for skill development of para medical and medical staff and traditional birth attendants. A Group of Experts has been constituted to prepare a draft of the National Population Policy taking into account the recommendations of the NDC Committee on Population.

Committee of NDC for population control

1699. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether a Committee of National Development Council was constituted to formulate future policies and plan of action for population control;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, what are the major recommendations of the Committee; and

(e) what action has been taken on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Composition of the Committee and its terms of reference are given in the enclosed Statement I & II. (*see* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Committee has made wide ranging recommendations, inter alia, on strengthening of infrastructure for improving quality of services, training, multi sectoral coordination, community involvement, decentralised planning etc.

(e) The recommendations are under consideration.

Statement I

Composition of Committee of the N.D.C. on population

1.	Shri K. Karunakaran, Chief Minister, Kerala	Chairman
2.	Smt. Margaret Alva, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	Member
3.	Shri Sunder Lal Patwa Then Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh	Member

4.	Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Chief Minister, Rajasthan	Member
5.	Dr. J. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu	Member
6.	Shri M.L. Fotedar Then Minister of Health & F.W.	Member
7.	D. Farooq Abdullah, Ex-Chief Minister, J & K	Special Invitee
8.	Prof. J.S. Bajaj, Member, Planning Commission	Member Secretary

Statement II

Terms of reference of the Committee of N.D.C. on population

I. To review the social and demographic dimensions, existing and requisite infrastructure at the community level, and the needs of technology development, relevant to the formulation of National Population Policy;

II. To identify intervention strategies for population control the both at the macro and micro levels, on a holistic and intersectoral basis;

III. To suggest mechanism for securing commitment and support of leadership of all denominations, and at all levels, for the National Population Policy and the implementation population control programmes;

IV. To recommend ways and means of achieving participation of the people, particularly women and youth, and through people's institutions such as NGOs, voluntary organisations professional organisations, of all categories of health care providers, trade and indsutry, labour, organised and cooperative sector and media etc.;

V. To outline policies and programmes for raising the social status of women, bridging the gender gap in literacy and health care, and promotion of health and welfare of the mother and child, as essential inputs into population welfare programmes;

VI. To review and recommend appropriate changes in system of financing family welfare programme;

VII. Taking into cognizance the above recommendations, to suggest appropriate formulations for a National Population Policy;

VIII. To identify and recommend suitable machanism(s) for a continuous review and monitoring of the implementation of National Pupulation Policy and the intervention strategies, recommended therein; and

IX. To make any other recommendations that may be appropriate either for the formulation of National Population Policy or for the implementation of population control programmes.

Expenditure incurred on Ministers

*1700. SHRI MOHAMED AFZAL *Alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state the expenditure incured by Government towards salaries, TA/DA telephone bills and other perks of the Union Council of Ministers during the period 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): The Pay and Accounts Office, Cabinet Affairs, has reported that the following expenditure has been booked by them for the year 1992-93

*Previously unstarred Question No. 487, transfer from 7-12-93.